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Hickman, Confessed Slayer, Called Before Court

BOY REMOVED FROM TRAIN IN CITY SUBURBS

Story of Confederates In Crime Falls As Youth Admits Killing Parker Girl

LOS ANGELES, Calif., Dec. 28. -(AP)-Less than two hours after his arirval in Los Angeles, William E. Hickman, confessed kidnaper and murderer of Marian Perker, was brought into court today for arraignment. Judge Carlos Hardy of the superior court, presiding, contniued the case until 2 p. m. Thursday.

LOS ANGELES, Calif., Dec. 27 .- (A) -William E. Hickman, confessed slayer of Marian Parker, was locked in jail here at 10:15 o'clock this

Hickman was taken off the Southern Pacific train at Alameda and ackson streets, in the outer railroad yard district. No crowd was gather-

The youth was shackled to Police Detectives Harry Raymond and Dick The two officers and their prisoner

entered a police automobile with District Attorney Asa Keyes and dashed for the county jail with a convoy of police cars in front and rear. Strangled Girl

The confession, details of which were announced by Keyes, declared that Hickman had strangled the girl to death with a towel and cut her quarters in the Bellevue Arms apartments, Los Angeles, a few hours before delivering the torso to Perry

ing Marian returned alive.

Took Auto Keyes statement of the details of holiday supper. the confession were, in substance, as

near the time Hickman was discharged from the bank and put under probation for forging checks, he first thought of kidnaping as a means of making money to spend for college education. He took an automobile from Dr. Herbert L. Mantz in Kansas City at the point of a gun and eventually drove it to Los Angeles. He rented the apartment November 23 and in the course of a few weeks decided upon the daughter of Parker as his victim. On December 14th he followed Marian and her twin sister, Marjorie to school and by telling school attendants that her father was injured and was calling for Marian, tricked them into surrendering her. He told Marian she had been kidnaped Then he bound and gagged her. Girl Wrote Notes

her tied and he removed the bonds but displayed a pistol to keep her the Mexican oil regulations. The in Broussa, Anatolia, North Ward of quiet. He then went to Pasadena articles will be amended in accord- England and Mile. Hiller of Switzerand sent the first telegram to her ance with the recent supreme court land. father, saying Marian was safe and decision in the Mexican Petroleum declaring that instructions would company case. follow later as to how she could be The amendment if passed by conrestored to her family.

Los Angeles and then to his apart- the confirmatory concessions for fifhalf an hour and she then followed quired by oil companies before May 1, him to his room, as he had instruct- 1917. ed her to do. Given the choice of sleeping on the bed or a couch, the litle girl chose the latter. They awoke at 7 o'clock that morning and awoke at 7 o'clock that morning and moving to amend the Mexican oil that a \$60,000,000 first mortgage to recover any bodies of the crew her father instructing him to obtain regulations in conformity with the bond issued now in distribution be which might be within easy reach. \$1500 in \$20 bills and await further instructions. Marian also wrote a note which was inclosed.

Hickman tied the little girl to a thair and went out and mailed the Washington government. He returned and prepared breakfast but the girl did not eat. partment that no information on the Hickman then engaged the girl in subject had been received as yet from conversation and told her she might the embassy in Mexico City. Pendwrite another letter to her father. ing an official report, the depart-She was in tears, but stopped crying

when allowed to write the second The abductor then left the apartment a second time and returned ward an ultimate friendly solution

the kidnaping. Together they read That afternoon Hickman took the girl for a ride of seventy miles, but returned about dark, bringing more newspapers filled with the stories of

the case. The confession then told how he had telephoned Parker and arranged or a rendezvous but how he had led to keep it because the police stubborn fight to save the life of quired several days. d been allowed to take a hand. Alma Overgerd, the 16-year-old high Mr. Perkins is a member of the ck in the apartment Marian sobbed school girl who has lived for 36 days company operating the Southmost bause she could not return home through the aid of artificial respiration below Brownsville, and James Brooks, 52, died in the night consolidating various Baptist schools ck in the apartment Marian sobbed school girl who has lived for 36 days company operating the Southmost

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BROTHER AIDED IN MAN HUNT



Police were aided in their search for William Edward Hickman, slayer of Marion Parker, by the child's brother, Perry W. Parker, right, above. Left, is a rogues gallery photo of Hickman sent out by Los Angeles police. Below are finger prints which police found on auto in

That Hickman had admitted that he alone was responsible for the belling of the little girl and the dissertion of the body was officially and the dissertion of the dissertio section of the body was officially announced last night by District Attorney Asa Keyes of Los Angeles. Keyes and other officers had been grilling Hickman since early yesterday—some hours after leaving Pendleton, Ore., The youth was caught. Th confessed to the kidnaping immediately after his capture but until yesterday steadfastly refused to admit that he was the murderer of his

body to pieces in a bathtub of his their uncle were fatally burned in here yesterday. their home here last night when a Albert Nunning, 45, was found Sometime between 6 and 7 tomorthe victims in a hallway.

So hideous were parts of the con- John, Jr., 4 months, in the ruins of room and turning on the gas. A Spirit of St. Louis will cover the disfession that Keyes threatened to the house. William Duffy, 30, unman known as R. Eddy also committance in nine hours. withhold some of the details from cle of the children, died today. The ted suicide by turning on the gas His mother is expect father, John Duffy, Sr., had gone jet in his room. to a store to get ice cream for a

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 27 .- (A)-

LAW AMENDED

Change Being Made at lost in the sinking of the Turkish Calles Request Is Pleasing to U.S.

house of deputies has passed the first 130 passengers. Calles amending Articles 14 and 15 of teachers from the American school

gress would definitely remove the That night he took his little cap- main object by oil companies to the tive to a motion picture theater in oil law since it would do away with They sat under a tree for ty years in exchange for rights ac-

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 27 .recent decision of the Mexican su- held up if the dividends were not The temperature of the sea, which preme court in the case of the Mex-

ment declined to comment.

Despite this reticence, however. it was apparent that the latest development was regarded on the face tion of press reports as another move towith newspapers telling the story of of the controversy between American who flies to Brownsville several Guaranty Company of New York, knife and fired pointblank at him Barton told police he was unable Frank Powell. The last named sister Eagle Pass .. 16

Artificial Breathing

40 Missing When Hit Ship Sinks DECLARE S-4

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 27, (AP)-Forty lives are feared to have been steamer Sviedj at the entrance of the Gulf of Mudania yesterday after a collision with the Turkish steamship Marmara. The vessel sank MEXICO CITY, Dec. 27 .- (A)-The within a few minutes. It carried reading of a bill sent by President | Among those missing are two

Seek Dividends On Goodyear Tire Shares

CLEVELAND, O., Dec. 27, (AP)-A year Tire and Rubber company of salvage ship, Falcon, were prepaing carefully every machine coming into from Sheriff Henry Barton of Falls county in the Union station here county in the Union station here charge was filed against the physical county in the Union station here charge was filed against the physical county in the Union station here charge was filed against the physical county in the Union station here charge was filed against the physical county in the Union station here charge was filed against the physical county in the Union station here charge was filed against the physical county in the Union station here charge was filed against the physical county in the Union station here charge was filed against the physical county in the Union station here charge was filed against the physical county in the Union station here charge was filed against the physical county in the Union station here charge was filed against the physical county in the Union station here charge was filed against the physical county in the Union station here charge was filed against the physical county in the Union station here charge was filed against the physical county in the Union station here. -The action of President Calles in unpaid back dividends and asking more of the tangled wreckage and try

Use Airplane For

Fence inspection by means of an airplane is a new departure in avia-

oil interests and the Mexican govern- times each week, took Dan Yturria the firm of J. P. Morgan & Co. of the Mexican border. to his ranch in northern Willacy New York, it was learned today. Cloud, accompanied by his wife, Smith did not try to run and was county Monday, and during the trip This is the first change in the per- was taking the three men to the peni- placed in the city jail. The pair were lived at 8651 Burton avenue. fences, which bound the Yturria sonnel of the firm since the resig- tentiary when they suddenly drew convicted of robbing the Otto State Fails to Save Girl ranch property. Flying low it was selection as American ambassador to possible to ascertain any point was selection as American ambassador to the machine and fastened him to a tried about ten days ago. OCONTO, Neb., Dec. 27 .- (P)-The job which ordinarily would have re-

YOUTHS MAKE \$25,000 HAUL

Springfield Bank Officials Forced To Lie On Floor As Cash Is Scooped Up

SPRINGFIELD, Mo., Dec. 27, (A)-Iwo unmasked youthful robbers held up the People's Bank here about 9 o'clock today and escaped with approximately \$25,000 in silver and cur-

At the point of a gun, the pair demanded that the eight employes of the bank including Vice President Julius Seifert, lie down behind the counter. Three customers who entered the bank during the holdup the men grabbed up the money. One of these, a Salvation Army man, was struck over the head and knocked unconscious when he refused

After scooping up the money the pair jumped into their car which was parked in the alley behind the ank and fled.

FORT WORTH, Tex., Dec. 27, (A)lone unmasked robber escaped with nore than \$1,500 in cash at 6:45 'clock this morning after forcing hree clerks in a Clarence Saunders store here to lie down on the floor while he drove away in a touring

The robber, evidently aware of the fact that the receipts of the store for Monday had remained in the safe overnight, took all the money in the store, even including small change.

bionel Charles A. Lindbergh today was nearing the end of his prepara-YOUNGSTOWN, O., Dec. 27 .- (A); and a child were overcome as the tions for a flight over rough moun--A mother, her three children and result of asphyxiation from gas tainous country, largely unsettled, to Guatemala City, Guatemala.

kerosene stove exploded and trapped dead in a hotel room while his com- row morning, the Lone Eagle will panion, a woman, was taken to a start a trip of 675 miles over a coun-M. Parker, the distracted father who gave him \$1,500 in the hope of savchildren, William, 6, Harmon, 4, and the keyhole and cracks about his headwinds, it is estimated that the

A woman and her small son were off of her son on one of his famed overcome in a room above that flights. As he disappears over the where Jibbs committed suicide when mountains, Mrs. Lindbergh will start some of the gas seeped through her return trip to her Detroit class About six months ago somewhere Three men are dead and two women holes in the ceiling. They will re- room in another plane. She will stop at Tampico, San Antonio and In

She expects to arrive home late

Divers Seek to Carry On Rescue Efforts Despite Cold

Wilbur saying that the members of the crew of the submarine S-4 had the country were being watched in been declared officially dead as of Cameron and Hidalgo county. December 21 was received today by

ican Petroleum company apparently today by Kent P. Johnson, Akron, four divers went down to the wreck. —Braving three desperate convicts der 30-year sentence for the same holder of 57 shares of common stock. Was again in the low forties. The armed with knives Mrs. R. S. Cloud robbery, to be left in the Harris county to be left in the Harris county

Fence Inspection Morrow's Successor

MOTORCYCLIST KILLED

motorcycle and a touring care

OLMITO CITIZENS MEXICO GETS **DEFEND DUCKS IN** FIGHT ON HAWKS

Armed with shot guns, rifles and other weapons, including huge net traps, residents of Olmito Monday began an anti-hawk campaign to save the wild ducks and other birds which make a winter home of the lakes there.

During the past week the hawks, most of which are the "chicken hawk" variety, have abandoned their land activities of catching rabbits and other small animals and have been swooping down upon Lake Tepeguaje, both along the shores and on the water. Naturalists declare that the water activity of the land hawks is unprecedented. The lake has ben covered with wild ducks and other birds for the

past month as no hunting is permitted on the water which the birds use as a refuge from hunters' guns in other fields nearby. Residents of the community are patrolling the lakes at dawn and in the ings during the hours favored the hawks for their depreda-In their efforts not to frighten the ducks the guardians of the

birds' paradise are trying to avoid doing any unnecessary shooting and

Cranes, gulls, sandpipers and a score of other varieties of water fowl have been victimized by the waterfaring hawks and some of the watchers have reported desperate battles in the air between the hawks and some of the more bel-

LOCAL POLICE

Three Sought in Attack On Prison Official Near Alice

A fine-screened mesh work of an effort to prevent the escape into made. Mexico of three men who fled from a penitentiary guard and his wife His mother is expected to see what near Alice Monday afternoon. The she has never beheld before—the hop watch was continued into Tuesday. The men, Ramon Hernandez, Jose Gonzales and Ernesto Landa, all from Laredo and under sentences of from four to 12 years, were being taken to the state prison at Huntsville when they made the break for liber-

> being guarded by R. S. Cloud and his wife. As the auto came to a lonely stretch of road near Alice the men attacked the agent. men slashed at him with knives. No of the dead were 30 years of age. attempt was made to harm her, but loud was tied to a tree, after which

ty. All three were in an automobile,

one of the men fired at him with his wn gun, but missed. Mrs. Cloud went to Afice on foot after the men had abandoned her and her husband, and a posse returned with her to the scene and released Cloud, who was taken to Alice for medical treatment. His injuries are

not considered serious. Believing that the men were heading toward Mexico officers of Cam-BOSTON, Mass., Dec. 27 .- (A)-A eron and Hidalgo counties were warnmessage from Secretary of the Navy ed to be on the lookout for them, and Monday night all known exits from

An especially keen watch was being Rear Admira, Andrews, commandant kept here at fordable places in the of the first naval district. There was river in the isolated sections of the county. This watch was being shared | Henry Hawkins, 23, under a 30-year by customs inspectors, border patrol- sentence for bank robbery, was re- Oscar C. Dancy issued the papers in found a Ford touring car without PROVINCETOWN, Mass., Dec. 27. men, sheriffs and other county of captured at Hempstead early Tues- the case, which was later turned back curtains. They got in this ear and petition asking a mandatory injune- -(P)-Though weather condition is ficers. Members of the Brownsville tion to compel directors of the Good- were slightly worse, divers on e police department were observing day just 12 hours after he escaped to Judge Kleiber's court.

Woman Saves Life of Husband

Falcon and the naval tug Sagamore saved the life of her husband, a peni- ty jail until the arrival of the peni- Watkins, about two and a half and Wednesday with local rains; riswere each moored above the sunken tentiary agent, when Ramon Her- tentiary transfer agent to take them months ago, and since her arrival had ing temperature. Fresh southeast to nandez, Jose Gonzales and Ernesto to Huntsville. Landa, whom he was transporting The prisoners were handcuffed to- camp in which she died Tuesday from Laredo to Huntsville, over- gether when they stepped off the morning. "Skeet" Perkins, McAllen aviator, Harold Stanley, president of the thrice wounded her husband with a away in the crowded station.

> mobile to confine prisoners with. They made no attempt to harm Mrs. Cloud, who walked eight miles to

Arms, Munitions Embargo Relaxed; To Consider Importations As Requested

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 27 .-(P)-Deciding upon a "distinct relaxation" of the air craft of war munitions emgargo against Mexico, the state department today granted a license to the Mexican government to purchase the tri-motored Ford plane in which Mrs. Evangeline Lindbergh flew from Detroit to Mexico City.

The permission given Mexico to buy the Ford plane was the first nounced today. The first announcement that the

state department was considering the lifting of the munitions embargo came from the White House it was said at the department afterresorting chiefly to luring the ward however, that while there was hawks into huge nets strung up on | no present intention to wipe out the trees near the water. The nets are embargo entirely, each application baited with small animals and raw | for purchase of arms or other war munitions in the United States would be considered and acted upon

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 27 .-A President Coolidge has been advised that the state department is considering the lifting of embargo of arms into Mexico to permit the shipment of some airplanes and some arms and ammunition into that country which were purchased in the United States.

Bridge Work Across River

The falsework for the internationbridge across the Rio Grande has teen completed from the Fourteenth street approach to the Mexican side of the stream, and only a few more riling remain to be driven before that part of the work is completed. Preparations are being made t put in the large piers on both sides law enforcement officers from all of the stream and these will be folbranches of the government was lowed by the steel work. The rains

Slayer of Pair Takes Own Life

COLUMBIA CITY, Ind., Dec. 27 .--(P)-Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Mosher by Newman Harper, of north Manchester, who later ended his own Mrs. Cloud battled desperately in could assign no motive for the doufrom the Mosher home. Officials defense of her husband, after the ble murder and suicide. All three

Man Under Sentence Monday afternoon, charged with per- said. "There were three me tas In Robbery Held At Hempstead

HOUSTON, Tex., Dec. 27 .-- (AP)-Monday night. News of his arrest in cian, and he was rearrested by Hempstead was contained in a mes- George Miller, a deputy sheriff. sage delivered to Detective Chief Mrs. Watkins' body will be sent For Brownsville and the Lower

powered and disarmed him and left train. Hawkins suddenly began to

CAR CRASH FATAL TO TWO

believed they have entered Mexico. Meliasa. The car fell fourteen feet revealed

MISSING



Mrs. Frances Wilson Grayson, above, and her pilot, Lieut. Oskar Omdal, below, with two others are being sought in the North Atlantic around Sable Island following receipt of a radiogram from their plane, Dawn, calling for assistance.

Local Doctor Charged Following Death in Operation

were shot to death at their home was arrested Tuesday morning on a days. six miles north of here last night charge of murder, growing out of the death of Mrs. Lucille Watkins, 28 Youth Kidnaped are said to have drawn knives and life a short distance down the road years old, following an operation. A preliminary hearing was sched- Dropped in Cisco

uled to be held before George B.

other woman, has been filed. Watkins was held Tuesday by Justice boy's wound is not serious. of the Peace Brown.

The physician was first arrested forming an illegal operation, and was crowd and two were wounded, one released under bond of \$2,500, follow- in the arm and the other in the terfore Judge John I. Kleiber, in the eight miles north of Cisco and nearcounty court at law.

Besides her husband she is survived Picked by Morgan Co. him chained to a tree after attempt- run, dragging Smith with him. He by two children, Virginia, six years in the river below Mission during ing to kill him near Alice late yes- ran around an iron post and tugged old, and Lee, three and a half years the next few days. terday. Mrs. Cloud struggled bare- on the handcuffs, the cuff on Smith's old; two sisters, Mrs. O. P. Steele, NEW YORK, N. Y., Dec. 27, (P) handed with one of the trio who wrist slipped off and Hawkins dashed who came here with her and Mrs. will be admitted to partnership in before the three drove off toward to stop Hawkins with a pistol for fear and the father still reside in St. Laredo 27

BAPTISTS KEEP MUM

DALLAS, Tex., Dec. 27, (A)-Demission of the Baptist General con- cal conditions: McKINNEY, Tex., Dec. 27. (P)- vention when it met here today to High 8:33 p. m. t night. Again she slept on the startly late Monday night when their in the startly late Monday night when their in the start were guarded carefully.

It is and awakened the next morn- morning, remaining conscious to the plantation below Brownsville and on the startly late Monday night when their in the state were guarded carefully.

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Mexicon Mexicon feet revealed.

Officers Battle Three Near South Bend After Kidnaped Boy Is Returned Home

SOUTH BEND, Tex., Dec. 27 .-(AP)-Holding at hay scores of officers and citizens, two grizzled desperadoes covered their retreat with sweeping gunfire and at noon today had succeeded in crossing the Brazos river near Bunger, Texas, into the dense underbrush of Young county.

SOUTH BEND, Tex., Dec. 27, (A) Claus, who led four others in the holdup of the First National Bank of Cisco Friday and escaped with three of his companions after one member of his gang was fatally shot, was wounded this morning near here in a gun fight with Young county officers.

The man was brought back shortly after the battle and was identified as the bandit leader. His other two or three companions were being hotly pursued by a posse of officers and citizens.

The bandits abandoned the automobile which they were riding under fire of the peace officers after their leader had been shot. They escaped on foot and were shooting back as the posse as they ran. The fight was staged in a pasture

about two miles from here in the south end of Young county. Three men in a dilapidated autamobile reached here early this morning, but turned back at sight of a barricade across the road which had been erected by Sheriff Jim Foster and his men, who believed the Cisco fugitives were headed this way. The officers immediately pursued and a

running gun battle began which continued for more than two miles. The men left their car and fled into the pasture. The man shot was the first out of the car. He turned and fired on the officers, who were immediately behind the bandit ear. They returned fire and he and two other men began to run. A charge of buckshot brought the leader down, ut the others continued firing as

City Marshal Jim Davis of Graham and Roy McChaten of Eliasville, a special deputy were detailed to take the man back to Graham, where was discovered he was the Santa Claus of the Cisco hold-up. He had been wounded in the leg during the battle with officers in or near Cisco. Blood from his wound and cotton Dr. George S. Stell, physician with and rags used in dressing it furoffices at 1203 1-2 Elizabeth street, nished officers with clues to the trail of the three fugitives for two

CISCO, Tex., Dec. 27, (P)-Carl Brown, justice of the peace at 1:30 Wylie, 22, kidnaped Sunday morning by the Cisco bank robbers and test The doctor had previously been ar- told officers that he was not shot here by them early this morning. rested on charges of performing an by the robber, but was hit in the llegal operation and released on right arm by a shot fired at the bond. A second charge of the same bandits by his father, R. C. Wylle. The elder Wylie opened fire as kind, concerning an operation on an- the trio of kidnapers left his farm at 1 o'clock Sunday morning with An inquest into the death of Mrs. Carl and the latter's automobile. The

"They carried me about the country with them all day yesterday," he ly froze. One of the robbers took This complaint was filed by O. P. my overcoat. This morning we drove Steele, who said he was a brother-in- into the Cisco city limits. One of law of the dead woman. County Judge the robbers scouted around until we

to St. Louis Wednesday morning for Rio Grande Valley: Cloudy to partly Sheriff Barton was bringing Haw- burial there. W. A. Darling has cloudy and warmer tonight and Wedbeen making her home at a tourist south winds on the coast.

DAILY RIVER BULLETIN There will be a very slight rise

Flood Present 24 Hr. 24 Hr. Stage Stage Chng. Rain. Rio Grande .. 21 While in St. Louis the Watkins Mission 22 San Benito .. 23 10.1 -0.2

Brownsville .. 18 5.2 TIDE TABLE High and low tide at Foint Isabel iberations of the educational com- tomorrow, under normal meteorologie